

## NOVEL DECISION IN BIGAMY CASE.

MRS. LENA KNOTT, SECOND  
WIFE, CAN GET NO ALIMONY.

Vice-Chancellor Stevenson, of Jersey City, says Marriage Was Not Legal.

Vice-Chancellor Stevenson, in a decision handed down today in Jersey City, disposed of a novel suit brought to establish the legal status in New Jersey of a woman who was the second bigamous wife of the father of her children.

Mrs. Lena Knott, of Paterson, brought suit to recover alimony from John Knott to have her marriage to him declared void by the court of chancery, and to have the court declare her two children legitimate.

The proof was that at the time she married Knott, he was the husband of Margaret Walder, of Philadelphia, whom he had married several years before, and that between his marriage to the Walder woman and his marriage to the complainant he had married another woman, Clara Seeker. He had never been divorced from the Walder woman, but they had separated and she had married again.

Lena Knott did not take action against her alleged husband until after he had deserted her and married Rose Sonnenbrun, of Paterson, thereby committing a third bigamous marriage. Knott was arrested and tried for bigamy in Jersey City last year, and was sentenced by Judge Blair to pay a heavy fine.

Vice-Chancellor Stevenson now decides that Lena Knott was never the wife of John Knott, that he is not entitled to alimony and that her two children are not legitimate. He declares that the evidence shows that she knew Knott was committing bigamy when he married her.

### Strike Leaders to Confer.

Delegates of the Building Trades Council will hold a conference at the Ashland House on Wednesday. Samuel Gumpert, President of the American Federation of Labor, will be present. An attempt will be made to settle all differences in the building trade within the limits of Greater New York.

## CITY EMPLOYEES LONG IN PERIL.

A BROKEN BEAM FOUND IN  
BROOKLYN OFFICES.

For Two Months There Has Been  
Danger at the Slightest  
Jar.

Employees of the City Clerk's office in Brooklyn have been in imminent peril of their lives for at least two months, and it was only by an accident that their danger was discovered this morning.

Borough President Swanstrom and Superintendent of Buildings Frank Heims were in the City Clerk's office chatting when Mr. Swanstrom noticed a big crack in the ceiling. He called Mr. Heims' attention to it and suggested that it be examined.

It was found that the crack was more serious than it appeared on the surface. The ceiling was torn down, and then it was seen that a beam which was almost the entire support of the Corporation Counsel's office on the floor above was broken in the middle. There was great danger of the Corporation Counsel's office and the City Clerk's office becoming submerged into one at the slightest jar. The ceiling was shored up and work on repairs was at once begun.

## MOB LYNCHED A NEGRO MINSTREL.

ROW AT PERFORMANCE FOLLOWED BY SHOOTING.

Whole Party Locked Up in Missouri  
Town, but Only One Man  
Was Hanged.

NEW MADRID, Mo., Feb. 17.—A mob of masked men overpowered the jailer and took a negro, Louis Wright, a short distance from town last night and hanged him.

Richard & Pringle's negro minstrels gave an entertainment here Saturday night when an altercation arose between one of the musicians and some persons in the audience. The whites made an onslaught on the musicians, and one of the negroes on the stage began to shoot. Several persons in the audience were hit, but no one was seriously hurt.

The negroes escaped to their private car, which was soon surrounded by armed men, but violence was done, owing to the arrival of the Town Marshal. All the negroes were put in jail and in the preliminary examination the name of the one who did the shooting was discovered.

He was lynched and the others will be released. Several of the prisoners were badly beaten.

## 19,000 PERSONS VACCINATED

Record for One Week in Manhattan Borough.

Commissioner Lederle of the Board of Health this morning announced that last week, 19,000 persons were vaccinated in the Borough of Manhattan. The new cases of smallpox reported today were: Frank Nugent, Edward O'Rourke and Bonnie Neer from the Kings Hospital; Brooklyn: Melvin Maynard, No. 36 Kustokoski street; Brooklyn: John Cunneen, No. 236 Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, and Alice Quinn, No. 61-1 Sullivan street, Manhattan.

## PRESIDENT'S COUSIN TO MAKE STAGE DEBUT HERE.

Miss Cornelia Roosevelt Scovel Will Be Seen in  
Opera at the Waldorf-Astoria Friday.



Miss Cornelia Roosevelt Scovel, a cousin of President Roosevelt, will make her operatic debut at the Waldorf-Astoria next Friday morning, when she will be supported by several members of the Metropolitan Opera-House company.

Miss Scovel's father, Chevalier Scovel, was a famous American singer. Her

mother is President Roosevelt's first cousin. Mother and daughter were at the White House to assist at the coming-out ball of Miss Alice Roosevelt on Jan. 2.

President Roosevelt takes an active interest in the operatic success of Miss Scovel, who has been studying in Florence for several years.

## COULDN'T GET KATE, SO TOOK POISON.

YOUNG SCHLOSS, REPULSED,  
TRIES SUICIDE.

"Very Foolish," Says the Girl,  
"and I Never Cared for  
Him Anyway."

Because his mother did not encourage his ambition to marry a girl whom he met less than a month ago, Adolph Schloss tried to end his life by taking carbolic acid at his home in the tenement No. 35 East Eighth street early this morning. He is now in Bellevue Hospital and his recovery is doubtful.

Schloss, who is but nineteen, well built and very good looking, is serving an apprenticeship to become a church-organ builder.

Prior to a month ago he gave all his time to advancing himself in his chosen trade. At that time, however, there came to live with her aunt in the tenement across the hall from the Schlosses Katie Katz, a beautiful young Russian, who had but recently come to this country. From the time young Schloss first saw Katie he allowed his work to slide. He became deeply infatuated with the girl and was most persistent in his attentions to her, although she did not seem to offer much encouragement.

The young organ builder persevered, however, and yesterday he told his mother that Katie had consented to become his wife and that they wanted to get married at once. His mother promptly told Adolph that he could not get married until he had a must have nothing more to do with Katie. Both were too young to think of marriage, she added. Katie's aunt seemed to take the same view, and Adolph was deeply affected. He asked Katie to elope. She refused. Then he purchased some carbolic acid. Returning home he told his mother that if he could not marry Katie he would never marry any one. Then he drained the contents of the poison vial.

When Katie was told of his act she said she thought Adolph was very foolish and said she never cared for him anyway.

It would be worth a good many thousand dollars to the widow of Joseph I. Morehouse today if it were her own.

When Joseph I. Morehouse was divorced by his first wife and he took on a new one, he neglected to change his will, by which he left everything to the first Mrs. Morehouse.

The latter is now offering the will for probate, although she is another man's wife, and the widow of Morehouse has begun a contest before Surrogate Thomas.

Joseph J. Morehouse was an iron manufacturer at Chatham, in this State, and Copake, in Connecticut, and the chief figure in the Salisbury Carbonated Iron Company. He married Minnie C. Burdard, in Connecticut, and in May, 1892, made his will leaving all his property to her. In 1896 he got a divorce in Connecticut on the grounds of desertion and cruelty and shortly afterward married Herbert N. Curtis.

The divorced husband sued Curtis for alienating his wife's affections. The jury in the case, which was tried in Poughkeepsie, disagreed.

Morehouse in 1900 married Bertha St. John, a sweet-faced and pale little woman, who was in court today fighting for the widow's part in her husband's estate.

Morehouse died last March, and his old friend, Albert M. Card, produced the will made in 1892 and given into his keeping. No other will was ever found. If there had been a baby born of the second marriage the right of the little widow could not be disputed. It must now be proven that Morehouse lived in Connecticut or the will cannot be broken.

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## IS BURSLEM AN ENGLISH CRIMINAL?

SCOTLAND YARD'S DESCRIPTION FITS HIM.

But His Lawyer Says Man  
Arrested Here Is Not British  
Convict.

Godolphin Burslem, the English army officer, who was recently convicted of swindling Mrs. Annie Kramer out of about \$500, was arraigned before Judge Foster in Part II of the Court of General Sessions today for sentence. Much has been said of Burslem. It is claimed that he was engaged in many swindling operations in England and once served five years for stealing \$10,000. The descriptions sent to this country by Scotland Yard authorities fit Burslem exactly, even to his wooden leg and the scar on the inside of his thumb. Nevertheless, Lawyer Kiam arose in court today and said that Burslem was not the man who was credited with so much crime in England, and that if he was to be sentenced on the record of an English criminal a gross injustice would be done. Judge Foster gave Burslem until Wednesday to prove his identity.

## TO TAKE DEFAULTER BACK TO ENGLAND.

INSPECTOR REES HERE AFTER  
W. G. MITCHINSON.

Said to Have Taken \$35,000 While  
Manager of Bank in  
London.

David Rees, Inspector for the Central and Counties Bank, of London, England, was before United States Commissioner Shields this morning with a number of additional charges against William George Mitchinson, the former manager of the Spilley branch of that bank.

Mitchinson was arrested in this city on Jan. 15 on a charge of having devoted to his own use \$300,000 of trust money belonging to his sister, Mrs. Bakins. He waived examination on this charge and consented to return to England for trial. As the extradition treaty, however, provides that a prisoner can be tried only on the charge on which he is extradited and it was found by the bank authorities that Mrs. Bakins might refuse to appear against her brother, Mr. Rees was sent out here with the additional charges against Mitchinson.

The whole amount of his defalcation is said to be about \$35,000. The prisoner has been manager of the Spilley branch for more than twelve years, and as he is highly connected there he had the confidence of many people in the city who trusted him with money for investment. He will probably be sent back to England on Feb. 26, provided a police officer from Spilley who can identify him arrives here in time.



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## WILL ONLY NAMES DIVORCED WIFE.

IRON MAGNATE'S WIDOW HAS  
TO SUE FOR HER SHARE.

Big Estate of Joseph J. Moore-  
house Apportioned Before  
Decree Was Granted.

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